

**REMARKS**

In response to the decision in *Ex Parte* Robert R. Rice and Sami Ali Shakir, rendered by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on August 3, 2009, and as presented in the Office communication dated August 6, 2009, the independent claims, claims 1, 6, and 11, were canceled. Claims 1-17 are now canceled, and new claims 18-32 have been added. New claim 18 incorporates the contents of claims 1, 2, and 5, now cancelled, and new claims 19-22 correspond, respectively, to claims 3, 4, 12, and 13, now cancelled. New claim 23 incorporates the elements of claim 6, 2, and 5, now cancelled, and new claims 24-29 correspond, respectively, to claims 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, and 15, now cancelled. New claim 30 incorporates the elements of claim 11, 2, and 5, now cancelled, new claims 31 and 32 correspond, respectively, to claims 16 and 17, now cancelled. Therefore, new claims 18-32 should now be in condition for allowance. Consideration and allowance of claims 18-32 is respectfully requested.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application and that the application be passed to issue.

Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees for this amendment to our Deposit Account No. 20-0090.

Respectfully submitted,

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